participated in exhibitions at various places in Rajasthan for display and sale of tribal arts and crafts.

(b) TRIFED has empanelled 40 artisans/NGOs from whom various handicraft items are being purchased directly. TRIFED sells tribal handicrafts, etc. through its own and other outlets in differents parts of the country including the 'TRIBES India' shop at Shilpagram, Udaipur and 'Rajasthali' shops belonging to the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation at Jaipur, Udaipur and Bharatpur.

Funds for welfare on tribals to NER

2093. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted to the North Eastern Region for welfare of tribal people during the last and current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds provided by the Centre and some other voluntary organisations to the States in North-Eastern Region have been properly utilized;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken against the defaulting States in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose any steps for cent-per cent utilisation of such funds by the States in North-Eastern Region so that benefit could reach the poor tribal people in the regions?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Details of funds released to the North-Eastern States for the welfare of tribal people during the last and current year (2005-06 and 2006-07) and the unspent balances as on 31.08.2006 are given in the Statement (*See* below):

(b) to (d) The funds released to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are expected to be utilized within 12 months from the closure of the financial year. The Ministry, therefore, insists on such utilisation certificates before releasing any further funds. The Ministry also regularly monitors the implementation of various tribal welfare schemes through review meetings with the State Government officials.

Information regarding the funds provided by other voluntary organisations to the States in North-Eastern Region is not maintained by this Ministry.

Statement

Details of funds released to the North-Eastern states under the schemes/pogrammes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 and unspent balances

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2005-06		2006-07	
		Funds released	Unspent Balance (cumulative)	Funds released (upto 31.8.2006)	Unspent Balance as on 31-8-2006 (cumulative)
1	Arunahchal Pradesh	692.74	689.19	381.75	0.00
2	Assam	9968.50	6293.45	3962.30	3959.94
3	Manipur	2775.05	990.36	1748.35	1737.96
4	Meghalaya	2399.28	1589.76	1140.71	1140.71
5	Mizoram	1557.54	716.69	2350.02	2023.02
6	Nagaland	1816.03	833.53	2867.22	2182.22
7	Sikkim	336.51	239.29	161.02	118.00
8	Tripura	1893.84	611.54	2706.12	2207.12
	TOTAL:	21439.49	11963.81	15317.49	13400.97

Displacement of Tribal people

2094. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether Government are aware that displaced Scheduled Tribe people are being shifted away from scheduled areas to non scheduled areas under the NPRR (Relief) Policy of 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to give a bonus of Rupees one lakh as incentive to even ST persons who voluntary move from a scheduled area to a non scheduled area in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Madhya pradesh;

(c) whether Government have made an explicit assurance to release incentive funds for tribals who are being shifted from large tribal areas; and